

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 3, 6, 9, 12-14, 18, 20, 23, 26, 29-31, and 37-38 have been amended. Claims 4-5, 7-8, 10-11, 15-17, 21-22, 24-25, 27-28, and 32-34 have been canceled. Claims 1-3, 6, 9, 12-14, 18-20, 23, 26, 29-31, and 35-38 are currently pending in the application.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. §103

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 5-9, 11, 13, 15-18, 20, 22-26, 28, 30, 32-34, 37 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Leske (US 5,473,385) in view of Shelton (US 6,046,709). Independent claims 1, 18, 37, and 38 have been amended to claim the invention more distinctly.

Independent Claim 1

As amended, claim 1 now recites:

A method, comprising:
 receiving a request from a component to adjust an operational parameter of the component; and
 sending a response to the component at a proper time to cause the component to adjust the operational parameter, at least partially, during a particular time period in which a first display is experiencing a vertical blank period and a second display is experiencing a horizontal blank period.

Claim 1 has been amended to make it clear that the component adjusts the operational parameter during a particular time period in which a first display is experiencing a vertical blank period and a second display is experiencing a horizontal blank period. Support for this amendment can be found in the Specification at least in paragraphs 0027-0029 and Figs. 3 and 4A-4E. Leske and Shelton, taken individually or

in combination, fail to disclose or suggest at least this aspect of claim 1. From the remarks made by the Examiner in the "Allowable Subject Matter" section of the Office Action, it is clear that the Examiner agrees that this aspect distinguishes the present invention from Leske and Shelton. Thus, Applicants submit that claim 1, as amended, is patentable over Leske and Shelton.

Similar amendments have been made to independent claims 18, 37, and 38. Therefore, Applicants submit that those independent claims are also patentable over Leske and Shelton, for at least the reasons given above in connection with claim 1.

Various dependent claims have been amended to make them consistent with the amendments made to the independent claims. Applicants submit that all of the dependent claims, amended or unamended, are patentable over Leske and Shelton, for at least the reasons given above in connection with the independent claims.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

In the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledged that claims 35 and 36 are allowable. Applicants thank the Examiner for this acknowledgement.

The Examiner also acknowledged that claims 4, 10, 12, 14, 21, 27, 29, and 31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants thank the Examiner for this acknowledgement; however, in view of the above amendments and arguments, it is believed that this issue is moot.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are allowable over the art of record, including the art cited but not applied. Accordingly, allowance of all pending claims is hereby respectfully solicited.

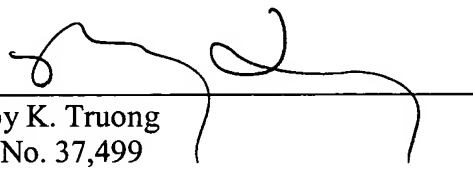
The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408) 414-1080 to discuss any issue that may advance prosecution.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this response. To the extent necessary, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee that may be due in connection with this response to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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